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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **EX PARTE**
IB Docket No. 01-185

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 31, 2005, the undersigned, representing ICO Satellite Services, G.P. (“ICO”), and ICO Counsel Cheryl Tritt of Morrison and Foerster, LLP, met with Sheryl Wilkerson, legal advisor to Chairman Michael Powell, to discuss the above-referenced docket.

ICO emphasized that each of the mobile satellite services (“MSS”) systems, whether L-band, Big LEO or 2 GHz, operates in a unique spectrum use and interference environment, and that the Commission should take account of relevant distinctions between these services in reviewing petitions for reconsideration in the instant proceeding.

ICO also noted that specific ATC application proceedings, rather than the instant reconsideration proceeding, are the most appropriate vehicles for assessing or imposing detailed technical parameters of ATC deployment by a specific MSS licensee. ICO noted that Commission rules require that each ATC application be placed on public notice. This public notice and comment period provides ample opportunity for detailed review and consideration of an MSS licensee’s compliance with the Commission’s rules, in the context of the particular and unique characteristics of the licensee’s MSS system.

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In accordance with section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Suzanne Hutchings

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cc: S. Wilkerson